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Appendix III.

[Vide item XIII—Papers laid on the table of the House at page 173 supra.]

The report of the Madras Services Commission for 1929–30.

Letter from the Secretary, Madras Services Commission, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, the 2nd September 1930, No. 424-B/30.

I am directed to submit, as required under section 20 of the Madras Services Commission Act (Act XI of 1929), the following report of the proceedings of the Commission for the year 1929–30.

2. The Commission was constituted in G.O. No. 5, Public, dated 3rd January 1930, with

Sir Norman Marjoribanks, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., as the Chairman, and

Khan Bahadur Muhammad Bazl-ul-lah Sahib Bahadur, C.I.E., O.B.E., and

Mr. M. Ratnaswami, C.I.E., as members.

All the Commissioners entered on their duties on 3rd January 1930. They appointed as their Secretary M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib C. P. Karunakara Menon Avargal, who assumed charge of his office on 3rd January 1930.

3. During the three months of the year under report, the Commission were engaged in examining the rules and notifications issued regarding the various public services and considering and framing schemes for the taking over ultimately of all the duties and functions prescribed for the Commission by the Madras Services Commission Act (Act XI of 1929), especially recruitment to services and the conduct of the various special test examinations and departmental tests. They submitted to the Government proposals regarding the conduct of these tests and a scheme for the recruitment by a competitive examination of candidates for clerk-ships (including typists) in the Government offices in the whole presidency. The Commission also examined the Public Service Notification which prescribes qualifications for appointments in the public services and submitted proposals to the Government for amending the notification so as definitely to authorize the Commission to deal with applications for declaration of eligibility for admission to posts in the superior service.

4. The Commission were requested during the year to select candidates for the following classes of appointments :—

Assistant Inspectors of Excise,
Sergeants of the Madras City Police,
Clerks and typists for the Madras City Offices, and
Assistant Superintendent, School of Arts and Crafts, Madras.

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Selection for the first three classes of appointments were made during the year. Detailed statistics of applications, candidates, etc., connected with these selections are given in Appendix A to this report.

The number of applications received for the post of typist was poor, being 22 out of which only 18 were from candidates who had passed the typewriting examination in the higher grade.

In connexion with the selection of Assistant Inspectors of Excise, the Commission observed, on examining the question of communal representation, that some previous appointments to this class of post had not been made according to the Statutory Rule in this respect which applied the order of communal rotation to admission to each class of post in the Excise Subordinate Service. The Commission brought to the notice of the Government this violation of the Statutory Rule and the Government proposed to revise the rule so as to bring it into accord with their intention to apply the principle of communal rotation only to first admission to a service in any class and not to admission to each class in a service.

Including references from the Government under the Madras Services Commission Act, 891 references were dealt with by the Commission out of which 12 remained to be disposed of at the end of the year. The references from Government were mostly for advice on—

- Draft rules under the Civil Services (Governors' Provinces) Delegation Rules,
- Nominations under section 11 of the Act for admission to Provincial Services by promotion from Subordinate Services,
- Appeals to Government and proposals for punishment, under section 15, and
- Memorials to Government under section 16.

The Commission dealt with 12 appeals and, in advising the Government as to the orders to be passed on them, brought to their notice the delays made in the various offices in dealing with two of the appeals and the defective procedure in the enquiry in two other cases. In the seven cases in which the Commission's advice was sought on proposals to punish officers, the Commission had to differ in three cases from the proposals made by the heads of departments and had to point out in another case the failure to comply with the prescribed procedure in the enquiry.

The recommendations of the Commission were accepted by the Government in all the cases referred to the Commission.

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Appendix A.

Selections made by the Commission under section 10 of the Act.

Number of vacancies.	Applications received.	Applicants qualified.	Appeared for interview.	Recommended.
		ASSISTANT INSPECTOR OF EXCISE.		
		Non-Brahmans.		
1	49	22	16	3
		Muhammadans.		
1	8	3	2	2
		SERGEANTS.		
		Europeans.		
4	55	19	7	4
		TYPISTS.		
		Brahmans.		
..	16	13	12	10
		Non-Brahmans.		
..	4	4	4	4
		Indian Christians.		
..	1	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
		Others (including depressed classes).		
..	1	1	1	1
		CLERKSHIPS.		
		Brahmans.		
..	3	3	3	3
		Non-Brahmans.		
..	4	4	4	3
		Muhammadans.		
..	2	2	2	2

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Appendix B.

References to the Commission under other sections of the Act.

			Number of references.
Recruitments by promotion (section 11)	..	..	4
Proposals for punishment (section 15)	..	..	7
Appeals (section 15)	..	..	12
Memorials to Government (section 16)	..	..	2